



IN THE CLAIMS

Add claims 60-62, as follows.

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- C/ 1 60. Method for representing business processes comprising  
2 the steps of:
- 3 defining each of a plurality of processes as a 3-tuple  
4 including a noun, a verb and an attribute; and
- 5 displaying a selected process as a process point in  
6 navigation space;
- 7 nesting a first navigation space in a process point in  
8 a second navigation space; and
- 9 nesting a second process space within a first process  
10 responsive to user reference to a second process in the  
11 definition of said first process.
- 1 61. The method of claim 60, further comprising the steps of  
2 providing within said nested space the union of all

3 elements referenced in all process definitions within  
4 said nested space as minimal values of each said  
5 dimension; and

6 adjusting the values of each said dimension to  
7 encompass any new user entered nouns, verbs or  
8 attributes.

1 62. The method of claim 60, further comprising the steps of  
2 enabling a user to traverse nested navigation space;  
3 and  
4 responsive to said user traversing from a first process  
5 space to a process space nested within a point in said  
6 first process space, highlighting in the nested space  
7 those process points explicitly referenced in said  
8 point in said first process space.

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**REMARKS**

Applicants' attorney expresses appreciation for  
courtesy extended by Examiner Raquel Alvarez in a telephone  
interview initiated by her on July 16, 2001. During that

interview, the Examiner advised applicants that claims 17-19, which had previously been allowed in the parent application, needed to be canceled from that case and, if desired, introduced into this divisional application for further prosecution.

Applicants agreed to have those claims 17-19 canceled by Examiner's amendment in the parent application without prejudice, and by this third preliminary amendment presents them as claims 60-62 in this divisional application for further examination.

#### **SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION**

Claims 60-62, corresponding to claims 17-19 canceled from the parent case, are introduced without change from the parent case.

Applicants urge that the above amendments be entered and the case passed to issue with claims 1-7, 9-16, 20, 33, 34, 36, 37-48, 50-57 and 59-62.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone



conversation with applicants' attorney could possibly facilitate prosecution of the case, he may be reached at the number noted below.

Sincerely,

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